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THE CONTINUING SCAN OF [Redacted] 144 AT THE NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER HAS REVEALED THE FOLLOWING ITEM OF INTEREST.

A SCAN OF THE HUANG HO (YELLOW RIVER) AREA IN CHINA HAS REVEALED THAT A HIGHLY SECURED INSTALLATION 4 NAUTICAL MILES NORTH-NORTHWEST OF THE OLD CITY OF PAO-TOU AT 40-40N 109-59E MAY POSSIBLY BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE CHINESE ATOMIC ENERGY PROGRAM. KEY FEATURES OF THIS INSTALLATION INCLUDE SECURITY PROVISIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE OBSERVED AT THE LAN-CHOU GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT, PROVISIONS FOR AREA LIGHTING, A HIGH BAY STRUCTURE WITH AN ASSOCIATED BUILDING, A 210-FOOT STACK (NOT EMITTING SMOKE), AN ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION, A STREAM PLANT AND LARGE MONITOR ROOFED BUILDINGS WITH VENTILATORS. WATER IS APPARENTLY BEING PUMPED TO THE INSTALLATIONS FROM THREE BURIED WATER TANKS NEARBY. THERE ARE ALSO FOUR WASTE BASINS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 1,700 FEET SOUTH OF THE FACILITY.

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